

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

February 28, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
Rep. Brad Galvez, Vice Chair
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Janice Fisher
Rep. Richard Greenwood
Rep. Curt Oda
Rep. Lee Perry
Rep. Holly Richardson
Rep. Doug Sagers
Rep. Evan Vickers

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Joanna MacKay, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Vice Chair Galvez called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Oda, Rep. Richardson, and Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

S.C.R. 9 Philo T. Farnsworth Concurrent Resolution (*Sen. D. Stowell*) (**Rep. M. Noel**)

Sen. Stowell explained the resolution to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to place S.C.R. 9 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Vickers absent for the vote.

H.B. 395 Campaign Contributions to Legislators During Session (*Rep. K. Grover*)

Rep. Grover presented the bill to the committee and provided a handout titled, "Campaign Donations During Session".

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Robert Nicholson, Citizen

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to table the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Galvez, Rep. Greenwood, Rep. Oda and Rep. Richardson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. Vickers was absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 37 Joint Resolution on State Spending Limitations (*Rep. C. Wimmer*)

Rep. Wimmer presented the resolution to the committee, assisted by Derek Monson, Sutherland Institute. Rep. Wimmer distributed 2 handouts relating to his presentation on H.J.R. 37.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ron Mortensen, Citizens for Tax Fairness
Maryann Christensen, Utah Eagle Forum

Spoke to the bill: Kory Cox, Utah Public Employees' Association

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Allison Rowland, Voices for Utah Children

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to pass the resolution with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Fisher, Rep. Powell and Rep. Sagers voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 133 Employee Compensation Amendments (*Rep. J. Dougall*)

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to replace H.B. 133 with 1st Substitute H.B. 133. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill to the committee, assisted by Jeff Herring, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management.

Spoke to the bill: John Reidhead, State of Utah Division of Finance
Robert Nicholson, Citizen

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Kelly Atkinson, Fraternal Order of Police
Kory Cox, Utah Public Employees' Association
Jan Johnson, Utah Alliance of Government Employees

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to table the bill.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Richardson voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 315 Accepting Federal Funds Amendments (*Rep. K. Sumsion*)

Rep. Sumsion introduced the bill to the committee and provided a handout.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Matthew Piccolo, Sutherland Institute

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition
Le Grand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts
David Hartvigsen, Attorney, Smith Hartvigsen

MOTION: Rep. Vickers moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Oda and Rep. Richardson voting in opposition to the motion.

H.B. 139 Constitutional Defense Council Amendments (*Rep. C. Herrod*)

This bill was not heard at the request of the sponsor.

H.B. 387 Modifications to Legislative Management Committee (*Rep. C. Herrod*)

Rep. Herrod explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion failed with Rep. Galvez, Rep. Greenwood, Rep. Oda, Rep. Perry and Rep. Richardson voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Fisher, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sagers and Rep. Vickers voted in opposition to the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Galvez adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair